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SUBJECT: CEP: GUIDANCE FOR SCEPC MEETING, MAY 30-31

REF: A. USNATO 2673; B. AC/98-A/96; C. USNATO 2914;

D. STATE 63600

1. GUIDANCE IS KEYED TO AGENDA AS LISTED IN REFTEL A.

I. DECISION SHEET MAY BE APPROVED.

II. WE HAVE NO OBJECTION TO IS COMMENTS ON UK PAPER
AS REPORTED REFTEL C IF COMMENTS ARE MODIFIED AS YOU
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SUGGESTED IN PARA 2 OF REFTEL C. HOWEVER, THE UK POINT

OF VIEW EXPRESSED IN D/708, DESPITE THE IS COMMENTS, IS NOT FULLY IN CONSONANCE WITH OUR CONCEPT OF THIS ISSUE. IT SHOULD BE POINTED OUT THAT THE PROBLEM IS NOT SO MUCH ONE OF OPPOSITION TO THE UK POSITION AS IT IS A PROBLEM OF DIFFERING OPINIONS ON THE LEVEL OF DETAIL NECESSARY FOR PROPER PLANNING AND PREPARATION FOR CRISIS MANAGEMENT ARRANGEMENTS IN TIME OF CRISIS AND WAR. WE BELIEVE THAT A GREATER LEVEL OF PLANNING IS NECESSARY FOR PREPAREDNESS IN THIS FIELD THAN DO THE BRITISH.

OUR POSITION AS REFLECTED IN PARA 2(IV) OF REFTEL D REMAINS IN EFFECT. FYI: IN VIEW OF THE SENSITIVITY

OF THIS SUBJECT, WE DEFER TO YOUR PRUDENT JUDGMENT IN AVOIDING OVEREXPOSURE OF THIS ISSUE SINCE IT WILL BE DISCUSSED IN THE PLENARY. END FYI.

III. DOCUMENT APPEARS TO BE ACCEPTABLE AND CAN GO TO PLENARY WITHOUT MODIFICATION AT THIS TIME.

IV. CONCUR.

V. CONCUR. HOWEVER, YOU SHOULD ASK WHETHER THE JOINT TRAINING SESSION FOR THE DSA/DSEB/RSB(E) AND THE SINGLE TRAINING SESSION FOR THE DSA/RSB(W), BOTH SCHEDULED FOR THE AUTUMN OF 1975, MIGHT OVERBURDEN THE IS AND HENCE NOT BE FULLY EFFECTIVE. PERHAPS SOME ADJUSTMENT IS NECESSARY.

VI. CONCUR. WE ESPECIALLY LIKE THE CHANGE TO A ONE-YEAR SCHEDULE AS THIS ALLOWS FOR MORE FLEXIBILITY IN PLANNING GOALS.

VII. CONCUR. PLEASE INQUIRE WHEN THE REPORT ON BOCCA HEADQUARTERS LOCATION MENTIONED IN PARA 6(5)B OF AC/98-DS/95 WILL BE MADE. IF IT IS TO BE MADE AT THE PLENARY, SUGGEST IT BE INCLUDED ALONG WITH THE CAPC REPORT TO BE PRESENTED UNDER AGENDA ITEM I.

VIII. GUIDANCE PROVIDED IN PARA 4(XII) OF REFTEL D
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IS STILL VALID.

2. IT SHOULD BE POINTED OUT THAT THE POSITIONS TAKEN BY THE US IN THE PLENARY MEETING COULD DIFFER IN SOME RESPECTS FROM POSITIONS PREVIOUSLY TAKEN DURING THE PERMANENT SESSIONS. HOWEVER, WE DO NOT ANTICIPATE ANY MAJOR DEPARTURES. BROWN

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